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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording tape cartridge comprising:

a case which is substantially rectangular and is formed from an upper case, at from which

an outermost peripheral wall stands erect at a ceiling plate, and a lower case, at from which a the

outermost peripheral wall stands erect at a floor plate, the case rotatably accommodating a single

reel on which a recording tape is wound; and

at least one screw boss disposed at a predetermined position of the upper case and the

lower case, for joining the upper case and the lower case together,

wherein the screw boss has a structure in which a convex portion and a concave portion

are fit together, and

wherein a thickness of at least one of a border portion between the peripheral wall and the

ceiling plate and a border portion between the peripheral wall and the floor plate is formed to be

thinner than a thickness of the peripheral wall.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the thickness of

said at least one of the border portions is a value which is 50% to 85% of the thickness of the

peripheral wall.

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3. (ORIGINAL) The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein a plurality of the screw bosses

are provided.

4. (ORIGINAL) The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the convex portion of the screw

boss is provided at one of the upper case and the lower case, and the concave portion is provided

at a case opposing the case at which the convex portion is provided.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein the peripheral

wall has a first peripheral wall and a second peripheral wall, and the border portions have wherein

a first border portion exists between the ceiling plate and the first peripheral wall and a second

border portion exists between the floor plate and the second peripheral wall, and a groove is

formed at an inner portion side of the case along at least one of the first border portion and the

second border portion.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording tape cartridge of claim 1, wherein at least one of the

border portions are contains a curved portions.

7. (ORIGINAL) The recording tape cartridge of claim 5, wherein a depth of the groove is a value

which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of at least the ceiling plate.

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8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording tape cartridge of claim 7, wherein a thickness of at

<u>least a portions</u> of the first and second border portions, where the groove is formed, is a value

which is from 50% to 85% of a thickness of the ceiling plate.

9. (ORIGINAL) The recording tape cartridge of claim 7, wherein a depth of the groove is a value

which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of the floor plate.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The recording tape cartridge of claim 7, wherein a depth of the

groove is a value which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of at least one of the first and second

the peripheral walls.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of ensuring relative positional accuracy of structural

members of a recording tape cartridge comprising:

providing a case which is substantially rectangular and is formed from an upper case, at

which an outermost peripheral wall stands erect at a ceiling plate, and a lower case, at which a

the outermost peripheral wall stands erect at a floor plate, the case rotatably accommodating a

single reel on which a recording tape is wound; and at least one screw boss disposed at a

predetermined position of the upper case and the lower case, for joining the upper case and the

lower case together;

forming the screw boss as a structure in which a convex portion and a concave portion

are fit together; and

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forming a thickness of a border portion between <u>at least one of</u> the peripheral wall and the ceiling plate and a border portion between the peripheral wall and the floor plate to be thinner than a thickness of the peripheral wall.

- 12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of setting the thickness of at least one of the border portions to be a value which is 50% to 85% of the thickness of the peripheral wall.
- 13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of providing a plurality of the screw bosses.
- 14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of forming the screw boss as a structure in which a convex portion and a concave portion are fit together includes a step of providing the convex portion of the screw boss at one of the upper case and the lower case, and providing the concave portion at a case opposing the case at which the convex portion is provided.
- 15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 11, wherein the peripheral wall is formed of a first peripheral wall and a second peripheral wall, and further comprising a step of forming a groove at an inner portion side of the case along at least one of a first border portion and a second border portion, in which the peripheral wall has a first peripheral wall and a second

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peripheral wall, and the border portions have the first border portion is between the ceiling plate and the first peripheral wall and the second border portion is between the floor plate and the second peripheral wall.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of making <u>at</u> least one of the border portions be having a curved portions.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15, further comprising a step of setting a depth of the groove to be a value which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of at least the ceiling plate.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17, further comprising a step of setting a thickness of at least a portions of the first and second border portions, where the groove is formed, to be a value which is from 50% to 85% of a thickness of the ceiling plate.

19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 17, further comprising a step of setting a depth of the groove to be a value which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of the floor plate.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 17, further comprising a step of setting a depth of the groove to be a value which is from 15% to 50% of a thickness of <u>at least one of</u> the <u>first and second</u> peripheral walls.